AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

Title State Grants to Boards of Cooperative Services

Type of Item (check as appropriate)

- Action XXX
- Information
- Request Discussion/Presentation/Commendation
- Request Scheduled Time (hearing or out-of CDE guest
- Staff member responsible at Board meeting Gary Sibigtroth

Abstract: Summary Statement and Background of Issue

22-5-115(1)(2) C.R.S. as amended, requires the State Board of Education to determine the number of eligible boards of cooperative education services that are entitled to receive a basic grant of $10,000.00. The law requires the State Board to certify to the State Treasurer the names and addresses and the amount payable to each eligible board of cooperative services. Said certification shall be made no later than July 15.

22-5-114(1)(a)(b) and (2)(a)(b) C.R.S. as amended, establishes the criteria for determining the eligibility of boards of cooperative education services to receive basic state grants. Section (1) revised by SB 01-129 (signed by Governor 6/5/01) limits the number of boards of cooperative education services to receive the grant to no more than 22. Section (2) lists the criteria for determining eligibility.

(2) Unless otherwise approved by the state board, to be eligible to receive state funds under this section and under section 22-5-118, a board of cooperative services shall meet all the following criteria:

(a) It shall serve school districts with a combined total enrollment of not less than four thousand students; and
(b) It shall either serve school districts in two or more counties or serve multiple school districts located in the same county.

Recommendation for Board Action

That the State Board of Education approve the grants at the July 11, 2002 meeting.

Originated by: Gary Sibigtroth Date: June 18, 2002

Submitted by: Gary Sibigtroth Date: June 18, 2002
Deputy/Assistant Commissioner

Fiscal Impact: Karen Stroup, Chief of Staff

Approved for Agenda: William J. Moloney, Commissioner

form date: 5/1/02
### The following are the 21 BOCES for funding for 2002-2003:

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**Total** $201,600.00
TO: State Board of Education  
FROM: Roscoe Davidson  
SUBJECT: Supplemental Information Regarding Boards of Cooperative Services  
DATE: June 24, 2002

I. Background/History

The following information is provided in relation to the Proposed Rules for the Implementation and Financing of Regional Education and Support Services 1CCR 301-55 (BOCS).

Since 1996, state statute (22-5-118 - attached) has provided the opportunity for BOCS to receive funds to support the implementation and financing of regional education and support services through the consolidation of services, rather than relying on districts to individually provide services, thereby effecting greater efficiency, effectiveness, and economy. CRS 22-5-118 enables the state board to adopt rules to implement this consolidation.

II. Rationale for Developing Rules

The proposed rules support the following purposes:

- Maintain working relationships with the eight geographic regions.
- Support the values of consolidation of services.
- Enhance the functions intended by the formation of BOCS.
- Encourage BOCS to actively pursue opportunities to (1) serve member districts; (2) assist non-member districts, and (3) combine various BOCS services and functions.
- Contribute to closing the achievement gaps among groups of students.
- Support and contribute to the accreditation of school districts.
III. Proposed modifications in Rules Presented to State Board of Education on May 9, 2002

Proposed modifications are in lower case and are underlined (attached).

IV. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Rules for the Implementation and Financing of Regional Education and Support Services (revised).

RD: jf
6/24/02
provided in article 63 of this title, in the school district from which he transferred.

22-5-118. Implementation and financing of regional education and support services - plan - annual report. (1) The general assembly recognizes that the increasing number of students, the desire to reduce school districts' reliance on property taxes, the need to consolidate services rather than schools, and the limitations on state revenues require the boards of cooperative services to develop the highest possible efficiencies and most economic methods for school districts to deliver education and support services. The general assembly further recognizes that it is essential to assist school districts in providing educational services with the maximum economies of scale without violating the principle of local control. The general assembly therefore declares that using boards of cooperative services to assist in delivering education and support services furthers a valid public purpose and promotes a commitment to achieving efficiencies and economies in providing educational services.

(2) Beginning fiscal year 1996-97 and for fiscal years thereafter, in addition to any state moneys received pursuant to section 22-5-115, a board of cooperative services may receive state moneys by submitting to the department of education a plan for the provision of education and support services programs, as specified in this section. Any amount appropriated to fund any education or support services program pursuant to this section shall be distributed by the department of education to each board of cooperative services that submits a plan. The amount appropriated shall be divided equally based on the total number of students enrolled in the member school districts of the participating boards and distributed based on the number of students participating in the funded education or support services program from each member school district of each participating board.

(3) (a) To receive funds under this section, a board of cooperative services, in cooperation with its participating school districts, the department of education, the Colorado commission on higher education, the state board for community colleges and occupational education, and post-secondary institutions, shall prepare and submit a plan to increase efficiencies and economies in providing education and support services to the board's participating school districts.

(b) Each plan shall include but is not limited to measures concerning:

(I) The enhancement of student achievement and instruction through cooperative research and development, the continuous upgrading of standards and assessment techniques, and the establishment of a regional curriculum center;

(II) Staff development and training programs;

(III) The development of improved communications through such methods as communications technology, distance learning, and media assistance;

(IV) The use of federal and state categorical funds and the distribution and delivery of federal block grant moneys;

(V) Data processing;

(VI) Agreements to act as a regional administrative unit for transportation, cooperative purchasing, food, and other noninstructional support services, as may be appropriate;

(VII) Cooperative programs for students who are at risk of suspension or expulsion.

(4) A board of cooperative services may contract with a school district that is not a member of the board of cooperative services to provide to the school district any of the services specified in the plan developed pursuant to this section.

(5) The general assembly may appropriate moneys to the department of education for distribution to boards of cooperative services as provided in this section. Any moneys appropriated shall be in addition to any moneys appropriated pursuant to section 22-5-115.

(6) (a) On or before July 1, 1997, and by July 1 of each year thereafter, each board of cooperative services that receives moneys pursuant to this section shall submit a report to the department of education concerning the programs and services funded by moneys received pursuant to this section.

(b) Repealed.

(7) The state board may adopt rules for the implementation of this section.

ARTICLE 6
Comprehensive Educational Planning

22-6-101 to 22-6-113. (Repealed)

ARTICLE 7
Educational Accountability

PART I
LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS

22-7-101. Short title.
22-7-102. Legislative declaration.
22-7-103. State board of education - duties - sunset review of advisory committee to board. (Deleted by amendment)
22-7-104. School district accountability committees.
22-7-105. School district accountability committee - recommendations - prioritization of district expenditures.